



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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THE BROWNING SCHOOL,

Plaintiff,

- against -

TATE HALLFORD, et al.,

Defendants.  
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20-CV-9084 (LGS) (RWL)

**ORDER**

**ROBERT W. LEHRBURGER, United States Magistrate Judge.**

Pursuant to § 7 of the Settlement Agreement, dated April 29, 2021, entered into by the parties in this action, and having reviewed the parties’ respective submissions, the Court has determined the amount of reasonable attorneys’ fees and costs that Criston Cicala shall pay to Tate Hallford. The Court finds that Cicala is fully responsible for the fees and costs incurred by Hallford. That said, the express language of § 7 of the Settlement Agreement provides for recovery of fees and expenses specifically in connection with “this Action,” defined to be the instant action. The Court therefore will not award attorneys’ fees and costs in connection with the state court action litigated by the Chemtob firm. The rates sought for Hallford’s attorneys who worked on the instant action are very reasonable, and Cicala has not argued otherwise. The Court has reviewed the billing records submitted by the Borstein Turkel firm and finds that all charges were reasonably incurred. Accordingly, the Court awards Hallford her reasonable attorneys’ fees and costs in the amount of \$17,236.50, and no later than June 25, 2021, Cicala shall pay to Hallford \$17,236.50.

This order resolves all pending issues before the Court.

SO ORDERED.

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ROBERT W. LEHRBURGER  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Dated: June 11, 2021  
New York, New York

Copies transmitted this date to all counsel of record.